

**TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
RATE ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

**June 28, 2013**

**Proposed Payment Rates for the following programs:**

Community Based Alternatives – Home and Community Support  
Services

Community Living Assistance and Support Services

Deaf-Blind with Multiple Disabilities

Home and Community-based Services

Medically Dependent Children Program

Payment rates are proposed to be effective  
September 1, 2013

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PAYMENT RATES

Effective September 1, 2013

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will conduct a public hearing at 8:30 a.m. on July 16, 2013, in the Public Hearing Room in the John H. Winters Building, 701 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Austin, Texas, with entrance through Security at the front of the building facing 51st Street. Public comments will be received on proposed rates for employment assistance (EA) for the Community Based Alternatives (CBA), Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS), Home and Community-based Services (HCS), and Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) waiver programs; for supported employment (SE) in the CBA, CLASS, and MDCP waiver programs; for consumer-directed services (CDS) SE and EA in the Deaf-Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD), CBA, CLASS, HCS and MDCP programs; and for CDS nursing services in the HCS program. These programs are operated by the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS). All payment rates are proposed to be effective September 1, 2013.

HHSC will consider concerns expressed at the hearing prior to final rate approval. This public hearing is held in compliance with Human Resources Code §32.0282 and Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Title 1, §355.105(g), which require public notice and hearings on proposed Medicaid reimbursements before such rates are approved by HHSC.

### PROPOSED RATES

The proposed payment rates for SE and EA in the CBA, CLASS and MDCP waivers are presented in Attachment 1. Proposed CDS payment rates for SE and EA in the CBA, CLASS and MDCP waivers are presented in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Proposed SE and EA CDS rates for CBA, CLASS and MDCP

Consumer Directed Services (CDS)	Individual Payment Rates for Determining the Individual's Budget
CDS Supported Employment - per hour	\$25.27
CDS Employment Assistance - per hour	\$25.27

Proposed CDS payment rates for SE and EA in the DBMD waiver are presented in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Proposed SE and EA CDS rates for DBMD

Consumer Directed Services (CDS)	Individual Payment Rates for Determining the Individual's Budget
CDS Supported Employment - per hour	\$32.30
CDS Employment Assistance - per hour	\$32.30

The proposed payment rates for EA in the HCS waiver are presented in Attachment 2. Proposed CDS payment rates for SE, EA and nursing in the HCS waiver are presented in Table 3 below.

Table 3. Proposed SE, EA and Nursing CDS rates for HCS

<b>Consumer Directed Services (CDS)</b>	Individual Payment Rates for Determining the Individual's Budget
CDS Supported Employment - per hour	\$32.10
CDS Employment Assistance - per hour	\$32.10
CDS Registered Nurse (RN) - per hour	\$42.39
CDS Specialized RN - per hour	\$48.90
CDS Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) - per hour	\$28.69
CDS Specialized LVN - per hour	\$33.14

## **METHODOLOGY AND JUSTIFICATION**

The proposed payment rates incorporate provisions from Section 1, S.B. 45, 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2013 and directives from HHSC' and DADS' executive staff. HHSC's proposed payment rates were calculated in accordance with the rate setting methodologies codified at 1 TAC, Chapter 355, Subchapter A, §355.114, Consumer Directed Services Payment Option; Subchapter E, §355.502, Reimbursement Methodology for Common Services in Home and Community-Based Services Waivers; §355.503, Reimbursement Methodology for the Community-Based Alternatives Waiver Program and the Integrated Care Management-Home and Community Support Services and Assisted Living/Residential Care Programs; §355.505, Reimbursement Methodology for the Community Living Assistance and Support Services Waiver Program; §355.507, Reimbursement Methodology for the Medically Dependent Children Program; §355.513, Reimbursement Methodology for the Deaf-Blind with Multiple Disabilities Waiver Program; and Subchapter F, §355.723, Reimbursement Methodology for Home and Community-Based Services and Texas Home Living Programs.

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